[Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla.]

from our place and come to the Council. That is all. I would therefore submit that instead of putting us to all this trouble our statement must be accepted if the Government think so. In fact without bringing a resolution this could be done by executive authority. I represented the matter to the Dewan just before he was leaving. But he was leaving and therefore he could not take action. By a pure executive act the Government could say that the members need only make a statement of the actual journey. The Council members are allowed certain rates. If you want to give less it is alright. If you want to give more it is alright. Put us in an atmosphere where we are not obliged to make statements which are untrue.

President: The points raised by the honourable member will be considered by Government

The resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

DISTRIBUTION OF GAMES FEES.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyár: My resolution runs as follows.

"This Council recommends to the Government that games fees collected by the various departmental English Schools in the State be treated as revenue like the fee income and distributed according to the needs of the various schools."

Games fees are collected from all the Government English schools. But there are several schools in which there is not sufficient scope for games. I wish to say every school should be benefited by games. Since sending the resolution I saw the Director and discussed with him the merits of the resolution personally. The Director of Public Instruction has assured me that the amounts collected will be properly spent. In view of that assurance I do not wish to move the resolution.

The resolution was not moved.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURE AND GARDENING.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:

"This Council recommends to Government that vegetable and fruit gardening and agriculture be made compulsory subjects for teaching for all boys in all the schools in the State from the beginning of the next academic year and that the students be given practical training in such subjects."

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: I second it.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Sir, it needs no recommendation for me to accept the principle of this resolution. Government have already accepted this principle on the application made by the

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manager of the Avittam Tirunal English High School, Mankombu, for permission to introduce agriculture as a subject of study. The general question is being looked into. The Syndicate of the University has appointed a Committee to reorganise the course of studies in the English High Schools for the purpose of making provision for agriculture as a compulsory subject. Of course, Sir, honourable members know that practical instruction in agriculture requires a lot of accessories and it is not possible for every school to possess all such accessories. Every effort will be made to implement the principle underlying this resolution.

Mr. M. Govindan: May I bring to the notice of the honourable member that the resolution is confined to boys? What about girls?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: They will have to do something else.

Mr. M. Govindan: No agriculture.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I withdraw the resolution.

The resolution was by leave, withdrawn.

SCARCITY ALLOWANCE TO GOVERNMENT SERVANTS GETTING BELOW Rs. 50.

President: The principle contained in this resolution and the next one has practically been discussed already. So do you wish to move your resolution, Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar?

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I do not wish to move the resolution.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: I also do not wish to move the resolution.

The following resolutions were deemed to have been not moved:

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: This Council recommends to the Government that a scarcity allowance of Rs. 5 per mensem be sanctioned to all Government servants drawing a monthly salary of Rs. 30 and above up to Rs. 50 both inclusive, and Rs. 3 to all Government servants drawing a monthly salary below Rs. 30.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: This Council recommends to Government that the dearness allowance kindly granted to Government servants be extended to aided school teachers getting Rs. ten and less.

The Council adjourned *sine die* at 12-30 P. M.

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